

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: AVOIDED COSTS	DOCKET NO. INU-2014-0001
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ORDER SCHEDULING TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

(Issued May 28, 2014)

On January 14, 2014, Interstate Power and Light Company (IPL), MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican), the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), the Environmental Law and Policy Center, and the Iowa Environmental Council (ELPC/IEC) each filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for investigation regarding various aspects of IPL's and MidAmerican's avoided costs of electricity. Avoided costs are used as the basis for determining cost-effectiveness of investor-owned utilities' energy efficiency plans and in determining qualifying facility (QF) rates pursuant to the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (PURPA). Avoided costs have been addressed in various dockets, most recently in IPL's and MidAmerican's energy efficiency plan proceedings. Although there was some agreement on some avoided cost issues in those dockets, particularly with respect to avoided costs for energy efficiency purposes, there was no consensus on QF avoided cost issues.

On April 22, 2014, the Board issued an order initiating an investigation on various avoided cost topics. The Board said that as a first step in its investigation,

Board staff must have detailed information about the avoided cost models used by MidAmerican and IPL. The Board's order requires IPL and MidAmerican to conduct one-day workshops for presentation and discussion of each utility's avoided cost modeling methods and software, with the focus of the workshops being on the technical details of the avoided cost models.

After discussions with Board staff and docket participants, the Board will schedule the workshops for June 5 and 6, 2014. The workshops will be held in conference rooms 1 and 2 of the Board's offices at 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The workshops are designed for Board staff and docket participants. The Board will not attend the sessions. While others may attend the sessions, some of the information discussed may be confidential and those who have not signed protective agreements will be excluded from those portions of the presentations. Questions and comments from non-docket participants will only be allowed if time permits.

MidAmerican will make its presentation from 9 am to 12 noon on June 5. IPL will begin its presentation from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on June 5 and conclude from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. on June 6. There will be a joint session with MidAmerican and IPL for questions from 9 a.m. to noon on June 6. At least ten days prior to the scheduled workshops, IPL and MidAmerican will be required to file written information or manuals providing details of their respective models, supported by spreadsheets or other available information.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. A technical workshop on avoided costs models is scheduled for June 5 and 6, 2014, in conference rooms 1 and 2 of the Board's offices at 1375 E. Court, Des Moines, Iowa. The schedule is as follows:

a. June 5, 2014: MidAmerican Energy Company presentation, 9 a.m. to 12 noon; Interstate Power and Light Company presentation, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

b. June 6, 2014: Interstate Power and Light Company presentation (continued), 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; MidAmerican Energy Company and Interstate Power and Light Company joint session, 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

2. Interstate Power and Light Company and MidAmerican Energy Company shall file the information identified in this order at least ten days prior to the workshops.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Nick Wagner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Sheila K. Tipton

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 28th day of May 2014.